

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks to follow is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 11 and 13-15 have been allowed as indicated in the outstanding Office Action. With respect to the remaining pending claims, Applicants have elected to cancel Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, 12 and 16 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Accordingly, the two obviousness rejections raised in the outstanding Office Action are now rendered moot by the cancellation of the rejected claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the application contain patentable subject matter and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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